

ORDINANCE NO. 2009- 021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, SECTION 10-11(c)(1), THE PALM BEACH COUNTY STATE COURT FACILILTY SURCHARGE ORDINANCE, TO INCREASE THE SURCHARGE IMPOSED TO FUND STATE COURT FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as authorized by Section 318.18, Florida Statutes, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Palm Beach County State Court Facility Surcharge Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2004-015, codified in Section 10-11 of the County Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-11 imposed a surcharge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for non-criminal traffic infractions imposed pursuant to Chapter 318, Florida Statutes, or imposed for criminal violations listed in Section 318.17, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of funding state court facilities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2009-204, Laws of Florida permits an increase in the court facilities surcharge that may be imposed to thirty dollars (\$30.00) as of July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners desires to increase the court facility surcharge imposed to thirty dollars (\$30.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1.

Section 10-11(c)(1) of the Palm Beach County code is amended as follows:

(c) *Imposition of surcharge.*

(1) In addition to any penalties imposed for non-criminal traffic infractions pursuant to F.S. ch. 318, or imposed for criminal violations listed in F.S. §318.17, a surcharge of ~~fifteen~~ thirty dollars (~~\$15.00~~ \$30.00) shall be imposed against all such infractions and violations for the purpose of funding state court facilities. The court shall not waive this surcharge.

1 **Section 2. Severability.**

2 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any
3 reason held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such
4 holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

5 **Section 3. Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances.**

6 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Palm Beach
7 County Code. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish
8 such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

9 **Section 4. Effective Date.**

10 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department
11 of State.

12 **APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach
13 County, Florida, on this the 21st day of July, 2009.

14 SHARON R. BOSTON

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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18 By:  Deputy Clerk

By: 

John F. Koons, Chairman

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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County Attorney

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28 EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the 31st day of

29 July, 20 09.

(d) *Reporting.* The county shall report the amount of funds collected pursuant to this section and provide an itemized list of expenditures for all programs and activities authorized by this section to the appropriate state agency or body on a quarterly basis in accordance with the requirements of F.S. § 939.185, beginning with the quarter ending on September 30, 2004. Quarterly reports shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter. Any unspent and unencumbered funds at the close of the county fiscal year allocated under subsection (c)(1)b.—d. of this section shall be transferred for use pursuant to subsection (c)(1)a. of this section. (Ord. No. 04-014, §§ 1—4, 6-22-04)

Sec. 10-11. State court facility surcharge.

(a) *Title.* This section shall be titled the "Palm Beach County State Court Facility Surcharge Ordinance."

(b) *Authority.* This section is enacted pursuant to the authority vested in the county by F.S. 318.18(13).

(c) *Imposition of surcharge.*

- (1) In addition to any penalties imposed for non-criminal traffic infractions pursuant to F.S. ch. 318, or imposed for criminal violations listed in F.S. § 318.17, a surcharge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be imposed against all such infractions and violations for the purpose of funding state court facilities. The court shall not waive this surcharge.
- (2) The clerk of the court shall collect and distribute the surcharges imposed pursuant to this section to the county on a monthly basis, less the administrative fee provided for in this section.
- (3) The clerk of the court shall withhold five (5) percent of the total monthly surcharges it collects pursuant to this section for the cost of administering the collection of surcharges under this section or such amount as may be otherwise provided for by law.

(d) *Use of funds.* All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be used for the purpose of funding state court facilities or as otherwise provided for by law. (Ord. No. 04-015, §§ 1—4, 6-22-04)

Sec. 10-12. Alcohol and other drug abuse trust fund.

(a) *Title.* This section shall be titled the "Palm Beach County Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund Ordinance."

(b) *Authority.* This section is enacted pursuant to the authority vested in the county by F.S. § 938.13.

(c) *Imposition of additional court costs.*

- (1) When any person, on or after October 1, 1988, is found guilty of any misdemeanor under the laws of this state in which the unlawful use of drugs or alcohol is involved, there shall be imposed an additional cost in the case, in addition to any other cost required to be imposed by law, in the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).
- (2) The clerk of the court shall collect the fifteen dollar (\$15.00) court cost and forward fourteen dollars (\$14.00) to the county. The county shall deposit the funds in the county alcohol and other drug abuse trust fund for allocation to local substance abuse programs under F.S. § 893.165. The clerk of the court shall retain the remaining one dollar (\$1.00) of each fifteen dollars (\$15.00) collected as a service charge. (Ord. No. 04-016, §§ 1—3, 6-22-04)

Sec. 10-13. Teen court.

(a) *Short title.*

- (1) This section shall be known as the "Palm Beach County Teen Court Ordinance."
- (2) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to all areas of the county.

(b) *Authority and purpose.* This section is established under F.S. § 938.19. The purpose is to provide a long-term means of assuring the continued funding and operation of the county's teen court program(s).

STATE OF FLORIDA
PALM BEACH COUNTY
CLERK OF THE COURT
SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk and Comptroller
JUNE 1 2005
I in my office on 6/1/05
at West Palm Beach, FL on 6/1/05
Deputy Clerk